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## *Public Utility Commission of Texas*

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May 12, 2003

Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

*RE: In the Matter of Review of Section 272(f)(1) Sunset of the BOC Separate Affiliate  
and Related Requirements, WC Docket No. 02-112*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Texas PUC") files this letter in response to AT&T's Petition to Extend the Section 272 Obligations of Southwestern Bell Telephone (SWBT) in Texas for three years. On April 10, 2003, AT&T filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) outlining their concerns regarding retention of Section 272 safeguards in Texas. Specifically, AT&T requested an extension of the Section 272 separate affiliate and other safeguard requirements of SWBT in Texas for an additional three years. On May 1, 2003, the FCC issued a Public Notice in the WC Docket No. 02-112, requesting comments by May 12, 2003, and reply comments by May 19, 2003, in response to AT&T's petition. The Texas PUC is particularly interested in this issue, and anticipates participating in this proceeding. However, given the comment cycle and the timing of the Texas PUC's next open meeting, those comments will not be filed until after the reply comment period ends.<sup>1</sup>

The Texas PUC looks forward to commenting on the Petition filed by AT&T regarding Section 272 obligations of SWBT in Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

**/Original Signed/**  
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<sup>1</sup> The next open meeting for the Texas PUC is scheduled for May 22, 2003.